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Creditors wonder if money can be recovered

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

They were angry, they were skeptical, but, above all, the 40 people gathered in the Haliburton Legion on Friday morning were wondering whether they'd ever get their money back now that North Face Country Homes has been forced into bankruptcy.

The clients, subcontractors and suppliers who are all owed money must now decide if they want to put their money where their anger is. Is it worth it to go after the owners of the construction company? Will there be any money left after the lawyers, forensic accountants and bankruptcy specialists are hired to follow the money trail back to Edmonton, where owners Scott and Heather Valentine are now living?

Friday's public meeting was previously advertised in the *Echo*.

The Valentines left Haliburton in October. They had bought North Face a few years ago and were in the midst of building some of the premier new homes in Haliburton and northern Victoria County when they left. The business was forced into bankruptcy when Haliburton Lumber, the largest single unsecured creditor, petitioned the courts to launch proceedings against the company.

"We want to make sure justice will be served and there will be some money for creditors," said Greg Scheffee, who represented Haliburton Lumber at Friday's formal bankruptcy hearing. He is now one of three inspectors who have been appointed by creditors to decide where to go from here.

The other inspectors are Larry Hewitt of Hawk River Construction and Jim Corneau of Carnarvon Castle building supplies.

Complicating the matter is an ongoing

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

The meaning of love

It's Valentine's Day, the annual celebration of love. *The Echo* went to Marit LaPierre's kindergarten class to ask students what they think of all this lovey-dovey stuff. Ethan Carl says he says I love you at home "because that's taking care of people." When he tells his mom, Lisa Malott, that he loves her - which he does all the time - he knows it makes her feel happy. Love "feels good," he says. Our readers share their words of love on pages 10, 11 and 12.

Nude drawing controversy revisited by theatre group

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

An old summer controversy about nude drawings was revisited last week at the annual general meeting for the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society, a non-profit group that operates the Northern Lights Pavilion.

It all goes back to last summer when an uproar ensued because students of the Haliburton School of the Arts displayed nude drawings in the high school lobby outside the Northern Lights theatre. The drawings were displayed by students taking a life-drawing course, as had been the tradition for many years with students taking the summer art course.

Much to the dismay of Fleming College, the drawings were taken down by the Highlands Summer Festival, which rents the theatre for its various performances during its six-week extravaganza. Members of the festival were concerned about offending their audi-

ence members and took down the drawings without the permission of Fleming College officials.

Some drawings were said to be inadvertently damaged in the taking down process, which made matters even worse. A whole debate followed regarding who has control of lobby: festival organizers who rent the theatre, or Fleming College, which rents numerous nearby classrooms.

The Performing Arts Society sought to resolve the matter at Thursday's meeting but not without some debate.

"I think the people renting the theatre are in control," said board member Caryl Miller. "You can't rent the theatre without the lobby. You can't cut out the lobby from the theatre."

Jack Brezina, a shareholder of the summer theatre festival who was in attendance at the meeting, said renters of the theatre should be allowed to control the audience experience from the moment

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Fleming hopeful no need for strike

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Fleming College is optimistic that it will have a new contract with its teachers before there is any possibility of a strike.

"I know that both sides are committed [to reaching an agreement]," says Mary Brittain, vice-president of human and organizational development at Fleming.

The college's academic staff are members of OPSEU, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. They recently voted 80 per cent in favour of a strike should negotiations for a new contract fail. Negotiations are being carried out with a provincial management team, not individual colleges.

Brittain says a number of bargaining dates have already been set, which is an encouraging sign. She also notes that in previous negotiations the teachers also voted in favour of strike action

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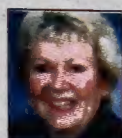
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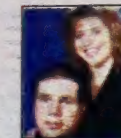
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Unions protest LIHNs today at hospital

TODAY (FEBRUARY 14), the four unions who represent workers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be hosting an information picket at the Haliburton Hospital from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The unions are worried about the impact of Local Health Integration Networks. LIHNs are the provincial government's new plan for administering healthcare. The unions say LIHNs will facilitate the privatization of our healthcare system.

The Trent University Sleep Research Lab is looking for men and women, aged 65 and older, to participate in a study designed to explore the links between sleep and memory. Participants should be relatively healthy and mobile, as travel to Trent University is required on two occasions for testing, which won't last longer than half an hour. In addition, participants will have their sleep patterns monitored for three nights in their own home. Anyone interested should contact the Sleep

Research Lab at 705-748-1011 x 5321.

Many readers are familiar with James Birrell's story. The young boy was the grandson of former Soyers Lake residents Primrose and Bruce Birrell. When he developed a rare type of cancer, his father Syd kept a diary of the family's fight to keep James well and their family life normal. Sadly, James died a few years ago but fundraising in his memory continues. There's a story about James' participation in a soap box derby in the February edition of *Reader's Digest*.

In last week's story on bus cancellations, the number of buses transporting children was mistakenly doubled. There are 44 buses in the local fleet of Laidlaw Education Service. The bus company would also like to stress that on the day that sanders had to precede the buses, all children were already home safely.

here, there & everywhere news and events worth noting

Students not yet concerned about possible college strike

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as a way of strengthening their bargaining position. "We don't have a lot of involvement in terms of negotiations," she says. "Our focus is to look at the local impact and plan in case there is a strike."

The main concern is students and minimizing any risk of losing their year because of a strike.

Few students have expressed concern about a strike, she says.

"My sense is that students aren't really anxious yet. This group [of students] went through high school when they had to deal with a strike."

Student leaders have spoken to administrators to ensure that students' concerns are front and centre, "which of course they are," Brittain says.

The strike date is March 7.

If there is a strike, courses at the Haliburton campus would be affected. The college has decided that all programs will be suspended if there is a strike.



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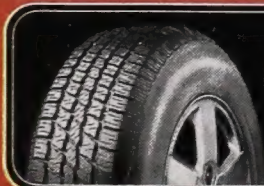
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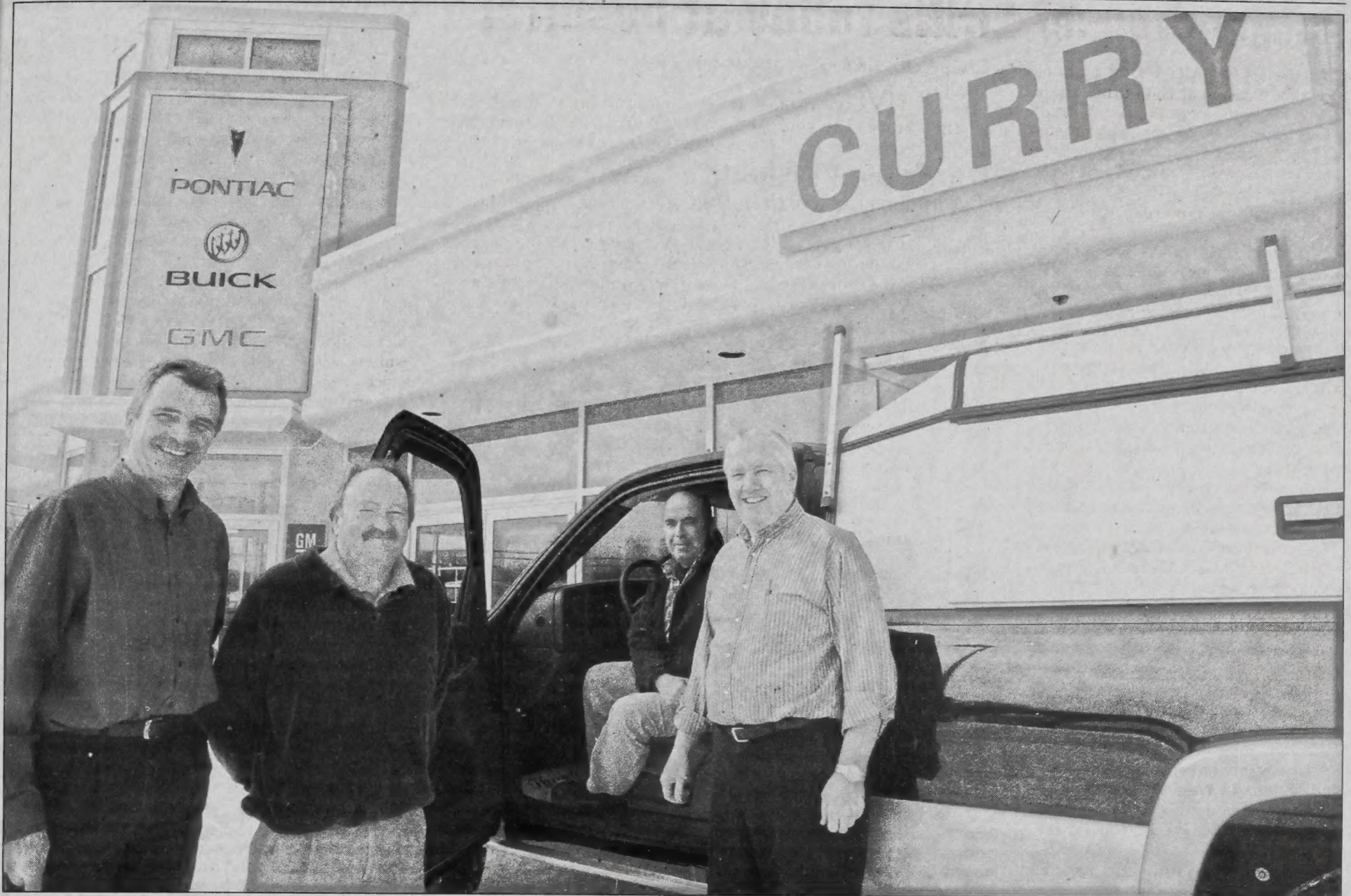
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The people at Curry Motors – Andy Salvatori, Bob Johnston, and Don Popple – wished new 2006 GMC Sierra owner Mike Blake (seated) good fortune during the

Haliburton GM dealership's first day at their new location on Cty. Rd. 21. Blake had the first official transaction at the new digs. Curry Motors, which was a fixture of main street for most of the 20th Century, is celebrating its new sense of space on the hill overlooking the village.

YOH! These young people will be heard

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Dianne Cullen's career in helping youth is all about contrast. After working extensively with youth in the Jane and Finch area – a poor multicultural community in Toronto well known for its turf wars and gang violence – she now works in Haliburton County, a largely peaceful and unicultural community where gang violence is almost unheard of.

"It's totally different", says Cullen. "But I still think some of the youth issues are the same like drugs, alcohol, and relationships."

Youth are often the forgotten demographic in a county as large as Haliburton, especially with the area's high senior population. That is why Family Services hired Cullen in September as its Youth Outreach Worker, a newly-created position in the non-profit agency.

One of Cullen's first priorities was to create a youth council to help get the young engaged in the community. The council, composed of about half a dozen youth from around the county, calls itself YOH (Youth of Haliburton) and had its first meeting in November.

"There's nothing like this around here," says Tara-Lyn Prindiville, a 16-year-old HHSS student who chairs the council. "The youth of Haliburton need help just like any other place."

YOH acts in a consulting role for the youth-oriented programs within Family Services. The council is presently critiquing the agency's HYPE program – Helping Youth Perform and Excel – a 10-week workshop that develops life skills. The feedback that Family Services gets from YOH helps to refine how the



Youth Outreach Worker Dianne Cullen and Youth of Haliburton chair Tara-Lyn Prindiville are making great strides in reaching out to young people in the county.

program approaches subjects such as conflict resolution, anger management, goal-setting, and communication.

"We as adults have all this knowledge and can provide a fabulous program, but you've got to have the youth participating and making decisions on programs that are affecting their lives," says Cullen. "That's when you get something that is very meaningful and that they'll buy into."

(HYPE is a free program for any youth in the county and will likely be run three times per year.)

The youth council also serves as a hot-house for developing leadership and management skills. YOH councillors are currently organizing "Scene and Heard", a competition for young writers and artists in the community.

A specially selected adult jury will judge submissions in four categories: short fiction, art, poetry, and non-fiction. The competition wraps up with a special event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on April 21 that will celebrate the positive things youth are doing in the community through their art. Stringing

all the pieces of the event together is the fruit of council's labour.

"It's teaching me how to organize things," Prindiville says about the project.

A future goal of YOH is to establish a drop-in centre for youth, similar to the ones you would find in Toronto. The centre would be a safe haven where youth could participate in everything from supervised games to open discussions about the problems they face.

"Discussion groups can be very helpful," says Cullen. "They learn from each other because it's not an adult preaching to them, it's not school, and it's not a lecture. It's a discussion about what they are experiencing in their lives."

One of the challenges YOH will face in creating the centre is how to overcome the geographic distances in the county, something city drop-in places don't face.

One of the more interesting plans of YOH is to carry out a comprehensive survey of youth in Haliburton County. The survey will gauge the values of youth, what they feel is missing in the community, as well as demographic information like age and sexual orientation. The community profile will help Family Services address the needs of local youth.

Cullen would like to see the size of the youth council double in the near future. She sees the council as an excellent opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills and fatten their résumé, as well contribute to the community in which they live. It also counts as community hours for secondary school graduation.

For more information on the youth council or other youth programs at Family Services, contact Dianne Cullen at 457-5345 ext. 317.

Fleming will be asked for ideas on lobby use

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they step into the lobby.

"The whole theatre experience is created from the moment you arrive until the moment you leave," said Brezina.

"Having another organization impose anything – whether it be pictures of cottages or wicker furniture – without our permission or without co-ordinating with us damages the theatre-goers' experience. And they've paid reasonably big dollars for that experience."

However, a resolution that gave jurisdiction over the lobby to theatre renters was defeated.

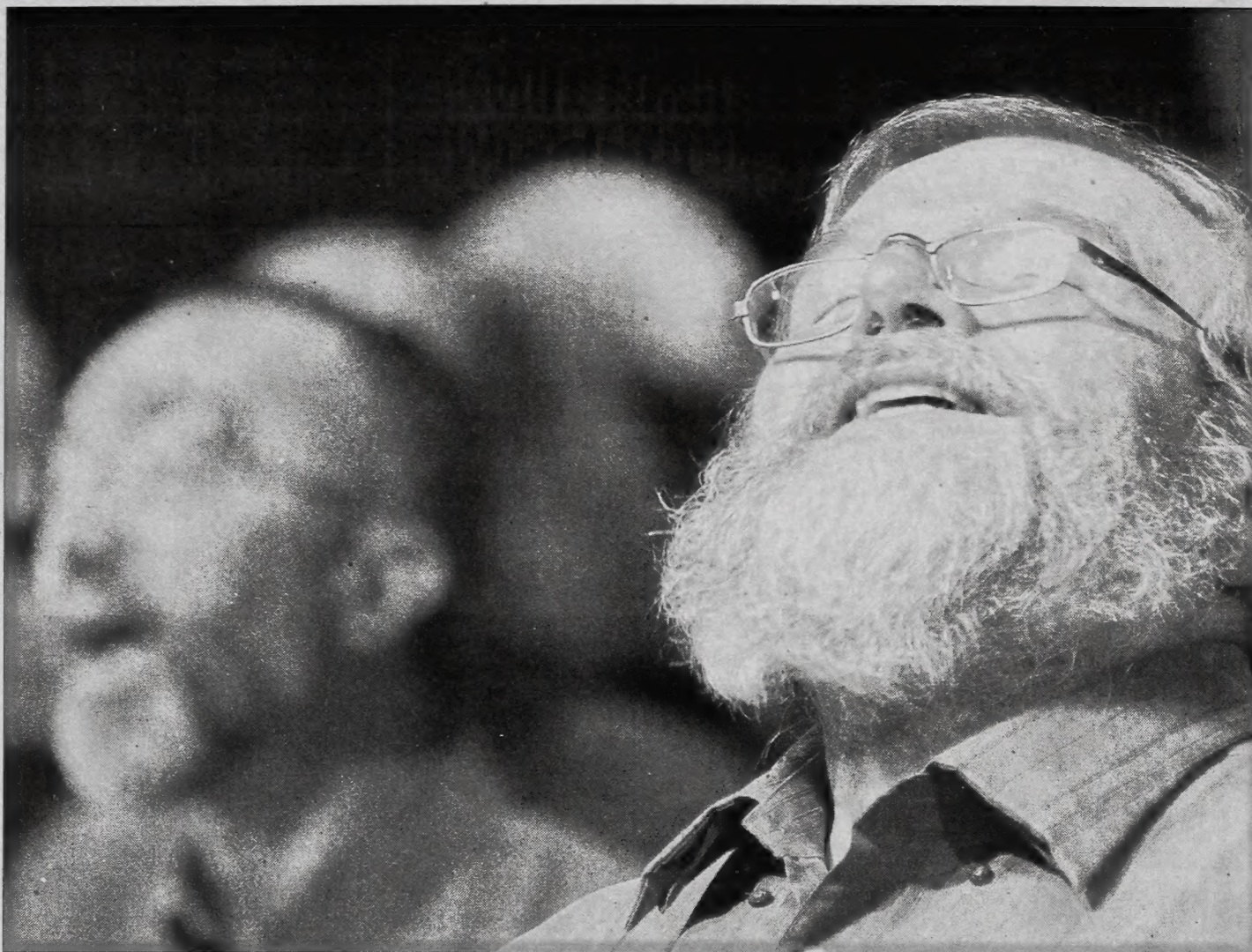
The defeat came mostly at the behest of the Society's Gary Brohman, who is also the high school's principal.

Brohman believed the best solution was not to get Fleming College's back up with an imposed solution and asked members for the chance to personally talk to Fleming College Principal Barb Bolin. (Last summer it was interim principal Lynn Watson at the helm).

"Maybe this is yesterday's news," said Brohman. "We don't want to turn this into something bigger. Let's find a compromise and life will go on. I'd like a kick at the can."

Brohman said he would get back to the Society within a few weeks.

DARREN LUM/ECHO



Winter be gone!

Dan Lee of the Highland Male Chorus sings the solo during *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* at the singing group's annual late-winter concert, *Winter Be Gone!* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Feb. 12. Led by director Melissa Stephens and accompanied on piano by Betty Mills, the chorus performed classical and contemporary favourites for a sold-out crowd.

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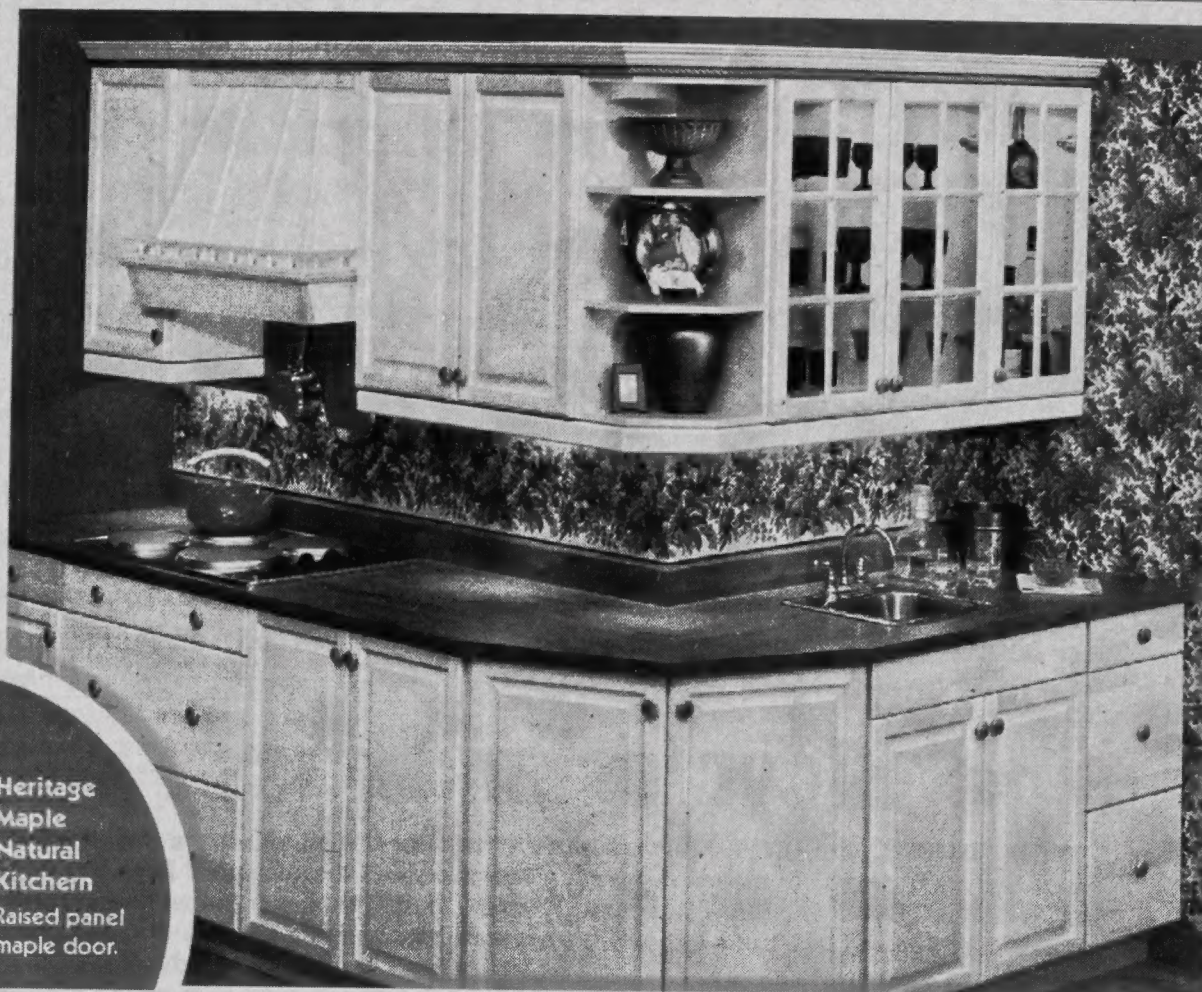


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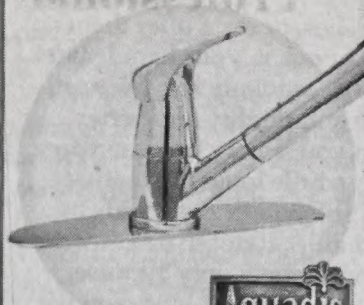
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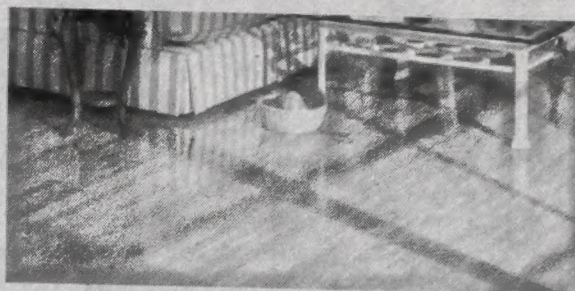
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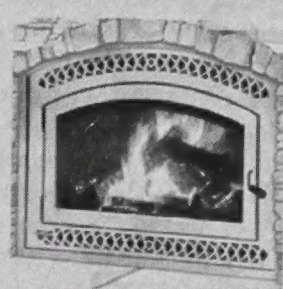
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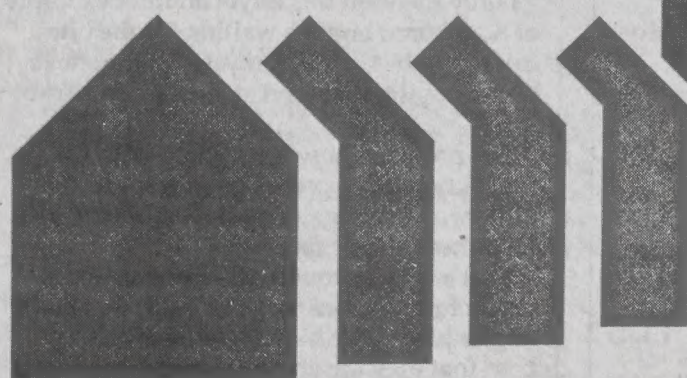
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AS LONG-TIME READERS of the *Echo* know, the newspaper is not in the habit of reporting on bankruptcies. PineStone Resort's bankruptcy in the late 1990s is the last time we reported on a business's financial problems and that was because PineStone was the largest private employer in the county and one of the pillars of Haliburton's tourism economy. (It should be noted that throughout of all its financial difficulties, the

PineStone did not close for even a day.)

echo

editorial

martha perkins

So why report on the bankruptcy of North Face Country Homes? For one thing, the public bankruptcy hearing was held at the Haliburton Legion which means that a crowd was expected. The *Echo* cannot ignore a story of that magnitude, especially since it affects so many people, from the lumberyards that provided supplies to the subcontractors who were hired by North Face to the property owners who paid North Face to build their homes. Once at the meeting it became clear that the bankruptcy involved a private business and a public issue.

Many contractors are nervous about the fall-out in the industry. Will the level of trust (and credit) that is required to see people through the financial highs and lows of the construction season be compromised? Will the relationship between builder and customer become adversarial?

The industry had weathered a large bankruptcy several years ago but in that case there was no police involvement. With North Face, the OPP are conducting an investigation into the business's practices. If charges are laid it could tarnish the entire industry's reputation just at a time when construction is enjoying a relative boom time.

There is no doubt that customers must be wary of giving their money holus bolus to a contractor. One customer's suggestion that a deposit be held in trust until the work actually starts has merit. But contractors deserve to get paid in a timely fashion.

It would be unjust to judge all local contractors because of the problems facing only one company. Do people think there aren't problems with builders in other jurisdictions? Local contractors know the area, the challenges posed by the terrain and which services have proven track records in the Highlands. By and large, contractors here will provide an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. They should not be made to suffer because of the fall-out from the North Face bankruptcy.

They told you so

Anyone who was around during the days when local parents battled to make sure that Victoria Street School was replaced by a school of equally small proportions must have been smiling when they read the story in Saturday's *Globe and Mail* about the growing popularity of Toronto's small schools.

A decade ago, local small school proponents were chided for wanting to remain in the past. Schools in cities were big and those kids were surviving so what was the problem with a large, K to 8 school in Haliburton? Well, Haliburton wasn't Toronto and what was good enough for Toronto was a poor substitute for Haliburton parents.

Turns out parents in Toronto don't like big schools either. Throughout Toronto there are 250 spaces for Grade 7 and 8 students in small schools available this September and 850 applicants.



Beech River

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Bicycles and bass

THE OTHER DAY my ice fishing buddy and I went out for splake, which, as most of you know, is a cross between speckled and lake trout. Unfortunately, we never connected with these sporty fish and all we caught was a bass. Since it was out of season, we promptly slipped it back down the hole.

But this led us to discuss why bass are such dead weights when caught under the ice. In summer time, after all, they are great fighters, often leaping out of the water, tail dancing and putting on quite a show. What is it about frigid water that changes all this?

And then it occurred to me. They probably fight just as well under the ice, right up until the leaping out of the water part. Let's face it, running head first into an immovable wall of ice would slow you down a bit, too. It's why I quit playing hockey.

The fact that I caught the very same bass fifteen minutes later from the same hole with the same bait said volumes about how its mental processes were affected. This also goes a long way towards explaining why I am now a writer.

I only mention this as yet another example of how bored anglers waiting for the bite can solve the scientific mysteries that have been nagging mankind since the lakes froze up.

The problem, however, is that with this great knowledge comes great responsibility. Now we are obligated to do something to help these stupid fish.

That's why I propose that next autumn, just before the bass season closes, that each angler place little bicycle helmets on any bass that they are about to release.

It might sound revolutionary, but I think that in the long run this will make bass a

better game fish all round. First off, it will help weed out the gene pool. Let's face it, no female bass would ever bother to mate with a male bass wearing a bicycle helmet. No sir, if high school was any indication at all,

they want you to have a muscle car or a van, preferably with a racing stripe.

It doesn't matter how many gears you have on your bike either. And they couldn't care less about the fact that you could ride it with no hands, do wheelies, or even offer them a ride home on your handle bars. No sir, suddenly they were all high and mighty and better than you simply because you took a little longer to mature and still had hockey cards in

your spokes and all.... It doesn't matter that you wore a bicycle helmet only because your mom made you either. Nope, you were pretty much ruled out as a cool kid. Okay, maybe I've said too much but you get the idea.

The fact that these helmet-wearing bass are eliminated from the gene pool can only lead to smarter bass which will ultimately prove to be more sporty. I'm guessing that within a few generations you won't catch them at all through the ice as they will be smart enough to figure out ways to get down south for the winter. Then they'll return in spring, bigger, well-rested, and tanned.

Moreover, if you happen to catch one of those bass who are still wearing bicycle helmets you just slap another one of those embarrassing Chiquita banana stickers on it so that biologists will learn more about the life cycle of stupid fish. Not that I've given this much thought.

Like I said, you can solve a lot of the world's problems while waiting for the bite.

Now you'll have to excuse me, I've got a new bell to install on my bike.

the not so great



steve galea

outdoorsman

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Meeting your valentine

KATE'S FEET HURT. She had been standing for hours, looking great, smiling that million dollar smile when what she really wanted to do was sit down. But selling cosmetics at one of the country's major department stores required her to stand the entire time she was behind the counter.



sharon
lynch

down
our
road

Kate didn't complain. In fact she was very grateful to have a job. It was the 1930s and all Kate had to do was look around as she walked to and from work to see how those without work were faring. The soup kitchen lines, with their shrivelled-up men, short on pride and long on hunger, were not hard to find.

No, Kate knew she was one of the lucky ones. She had reminded herself of that fact

just this morning as she walked the three miles to work. The sun was low in the sky, casting a soft pink glow over the hard-cornered concrete, brick and stone buildings.

The street car was too expensive; Kate had better things to do with her nickel. It was the high heels that were the problem but Kate prided herself on her appearance and nice looking shoes were part of the image. Besides, when you sold cosmetics you had to look sharp. Only her mother knew that much of what she walked on was cardboard, tucked inside her shoe to compensate for the holes that grew from all her walking every day.

Mom knew because she lived with Kate. The two of them shared a few rooms which was all Kate could afford for now; although they could be living in a castle and Kate doubted her mother would really notice the difference. Much of the time the older woman was in her own world, a place far removed from Kate's, a world of the past. But for some reason she noticed the shoes and had commented on them. Kate had told her she was going to buy a new pair tomorrow. Always it was tomorrow.

So now, leaning every so slightly on the counter, not enough to look idle but just enough to take some pressure off her feet, Kate glanced down the cosmetics aisle. The store was crowded today. She never ceased to be amazed how people still had money to spend during hard times. Then she noticed Freddie, her pal from the old neighbourhood. Kate hadn't seen him in ages. She wondered what he was up to these days. And there was another lad with him; tall, good looking, snappy dresser. Hmmm.

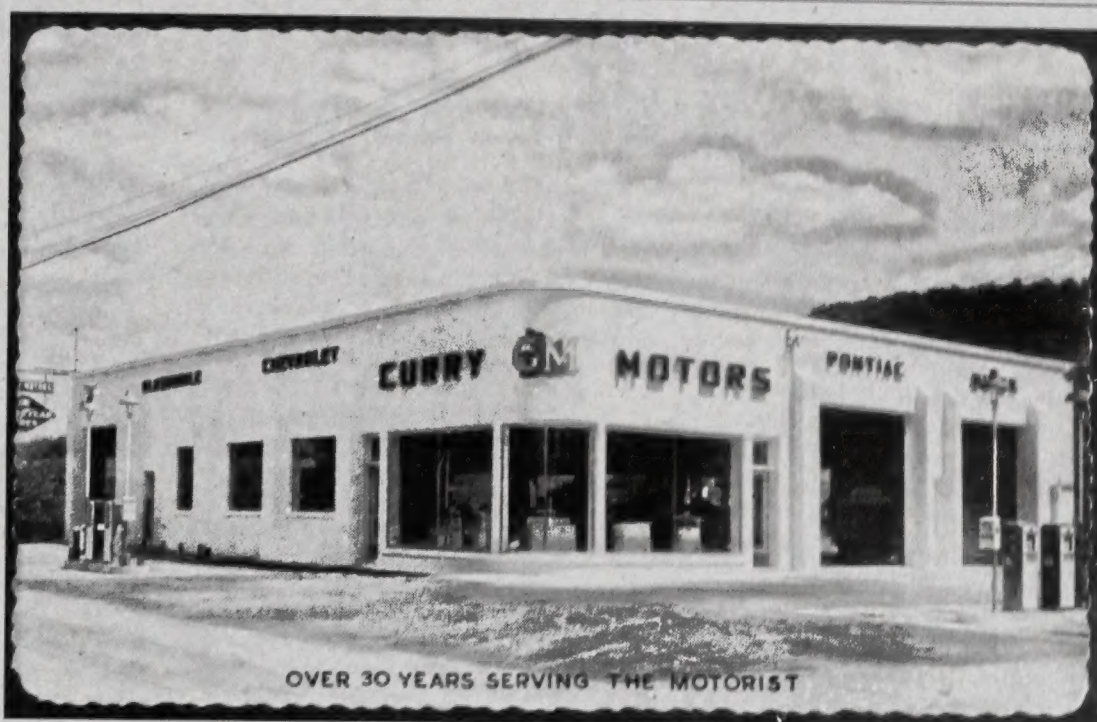
Right about now James was wondering if he had made a big error in judgement. Ever since he and Freddie had met in the art department, Freddie had been telling him about this girl he knew from the old days, a really swell kid who was just James' type. Probably now that Freddie was hitched, he wanted every other poor sucker to share his fate. But James was not convinced he shared that desire.

For, although he looked spiffy and confident on the outside, James had already had his heart broken a couple of times and was not eager to repeat the experience. Besides, he had to concentrate on getting ahead at the publishing house. His mother still had five kids at home and dad, bless him, meant well but was pretty useless. Ever since he lost his job with the government, he was never quite himself. Mom said losing his position had taken the heart right out of him.

Fortunately for Mom, all six of the children were great at carrying their weight - even the youngest. For several summers they had all picked berries which Mom had sold. Then there was fishing and James had been especially good at that. What they didn't sell, they ate. That seemed like a long time ago.

When James landed a job in the art department, he had worked his way up pretty quickly. Luck and good looks but mostly hard work. No more berry-picking for his mother. Now she spent hours cleaning and patching his suit and shirts so they looked almost new. He looked like a million bucks and it had helped his career. Not that he minded turning the ladies' heads either, if he was honest.

So now he had let Freddie talk him into this meeting. He must be crazy. Well he'd make small talk for a minute or two and then exit stage left. Boy, the store was crowded today. Was everyone here to meet someone at the cosmetics counter? Now that, he thought, is what I call a sharp looking female. Hey Freddie, could we slow down ... why are we stopping? Oh, I get it. Hmmm.



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Haliburton, Ont.

When Curry Motors opened its new showroom and garage on Haliburton's main street in 1949, General Motors also owned the Frigidaire company. So if you look closely at this postcard, which Curry Motors found when it was readying for its move to its new home on Cty. Rd. 1, you'll see refrigerator boxes in the front window. At the time, Curry's was owned by Ron Curry, whose father, W.R., had started with a livery business in the village. Although everyone will miss Curry Motors on main street, we wish them well at their new home.

pic of the past

letters to the editor

Ipperwash was a federal conflict

To the Editor:

I wouldn't want to get into the whole Ipperwash event with Douglas Smith, who wrote last week's letter to the editor, but I wish people would at least try to get their facts straight. I had camped in that park with my family for 15 or more years and have followed coverage of this event.

Some sloppy editing in the *Toronto Star* may have misled him but the fact of the matter is that

federal officials looked into the matter of the "traditional burial ground" within the park only some time after the confrontation and admitted they had discovered that they did, indeed, have a reference to it in their files. Nobody could recall them raising this issue publicly before, and there was no easy source to confirm their claim.

Like so many people, I think this tribe has trouble discerning the difference between the provincial and federal governments and their responsi-

See *Confrontation* page 8

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Everyone in county should support medical centre

To the Editor:

With regard to the article in the *Minden Times* on February 2, I applaud Algonquin Highlands for their financial support of the new Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

I can't respond the same for Minden Hills.

We, as taxpayers, in Haliburton

County should be unified in our support for any facility which promotes the health and wellbeing of our citizens, many of whom live in Minden Hills. Shame on Jim McMahon for his narrow-minded view on financing of the new Family Medical Centre.

Art Ouellette,
Haliburton

Confrontation not the best option

from page 7

bilities. The federal government took their lands north of the park for an army training ground during the war, promising to give it back at the end — but they didn't. These Natives have a legitimate beef with Ottawa, and why they decided to pick a fight with Queen's Park is a mystery.

The normal way to resolve such a problem might have been to have one of their many lawyers look up the document in Ottawa and show it to the Ontario government but they seem to prefer confrontation.

Harvey Clarke
Donald



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Dysart's road plowing creates worrisome situation for families

To The Editor:

Watch out, we are very unhappy Haliburton natives. The road superintendent and his crew at the Dysart roads department are really making us angry here at the end of Hutchings Road.

The plow truck is supposed to plow and sand to the bottom of the last big hill on the road. This is the same hill where the plow got stuck sideways from approximately 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. on January 19.

After the plow truck driver got the truck stuck he wouldn't plow or sand down the hill anymore. After a delay of four and a half days we now have the half-ton truck plowing and sanding the hill. The half-ton truck is supposed to only do the side road that goes down to the Smith and Douglas families at the bottom of the last big hill on Hutchings Road.

We are a big family down in here and we care about each other a great deal. Our mother has had a heart attack and there is a two-month-old baby living down the side road. If anything happens to either one of them, or any other member of our family, there will be trouble.

The municipality doesn't seem to care if we can get in or out of the road, or the fact that we have to help each other get

up the hill with shovels. Taxes should be lowered and we need the sand boxes to be filled with sand. As well there needs to be a sand box placed between the Smith and Douglas homes.

The municipality is very much aware of the fact that this road is an old corduroy road that needs to be completely resurfaced instead of just patching it up all the time. The weight of the large truck bouncing and banging over this road has turned it into a roller coaster ride. We have all agreed that our vehicle repair bills should go to the municipality.

Would it not make more sense for the plow driver to put the sand on the hill going down and coming up the hill? Our greatest concern is that we are going to be in need of an emergency vehicle and they will be unable to reach us because the road has not been plowed or sanded.

We see letters in the newspaper commending the job that the roads department are doing in their particular area, but this is not case for the residents of Hutchings Road. So, elected members of council, please tell us what you should do about this so-called "wonderful" roads department?

Carol Ann Kent
Haliburton

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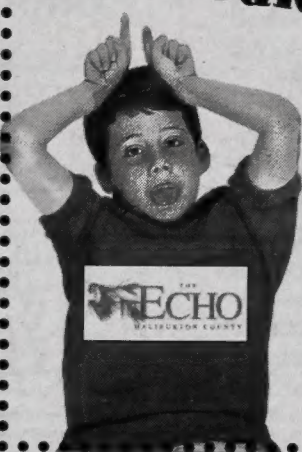
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Start the Haliburton Winter Carnival with a pancake breakfast at the Legion on Saturday, Feb. 25

Badminton serves up fun at HHSS

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Badminton is all about striking a perfect balance between strategy and fun.

Every week, since mid-October, co-organizers Bob Schmidt and Jason Morissette have run the Junior Red Hawks Badminton Night for children in Grades 6 to 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights at the high school's athletic facility.

This instructional and participation evening, hosted by the school's two team coaches, gives boys and girls the opportunity to not only play and learn proper technique, but to discover the finer aspects of the sport such as strategy. Schmidt likens the game to chess.

First-timers are finding the sport fun and, most importantly, safer than other winter activities.

Eleven-year-old Tessa Iles says, "I don't get to do other activities."

She broke her leg skiing years ago and has never looked at a pair of skis the same way since.

The first four weeks the program were popular enough that players waited for open courts. In the last few weeks dwindling numbers seem to be the trend.

Schmidt said he expects to continue until after the March Break, but if inadequate numbers persist he said he will be forced cancel the program. If interested in joining call him at 457-2950.



Tessa Iles steadies herself for an overhead hit during badminton night, offered by the high school badminton coaches.

Track 3 at Sir Sam's changes its name to Ski for All

The group of skiers at Sir Sam's Ski Area, formerly known as Track 3, has joined the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing. CADS is a national organization with 1,130 disabled members and 1,900 volunteers. It provides liability insurance for us, and training for our instructors. All CADS groups oper-

ate independently, relying on the local community for volunteer instructors and for financial support to purchase equipment for the students.

To help celebrate this new relationship with CADS, Track 3 has chosen a new name, Haliburton Skiforall, to reflect both their responsibility to the communi-

ty and their philosophy that "skiing is for everyone".

The program exists thanks to the generosity of the Bishop family who warmly welcome the group into the social life of the ski lodge as well as provide complimentary lift tickets for the students and instructors.



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All my love.

Mrs. Bubba

To my mother Gloria Wagg
Have a good life.

Love your son, Stuart.

I would like to wish my wife of
over 60 years a Happy
Valentine's Birthday.

Love Art.

Earl...My first husband (?)
This little note in the paper
today
Is this my loving kind of way,
To let you know how much I
care
And say I love all that we share!
You are an incredible husband
An amazing Dad!
You are my soulmate
Of that I am glad!
I love you more with each &
every day
I can't imagine life any other
way!

Love Christina...Your first Wife :?)

To Nicole and Angelina
My sweetest little angels
God's most precious gifts
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Always remember
That Mommy loves you.
Happy Valentine's Day

Tom
You are the sunshine of my life!
Love Newfie xoxo

Aunt Frances and Uncle
Howard
Love and Kisses

From Kelly.

Uncle Jim
Love and Kisses

From Kelly.

Brian
Still loving you after all these
years.

Love Marta and Kelly.

Happy Valentine's Day to the
males in my life that make me
happy. Adam and Billy. You
make each day a joy...

Luv Pam xoxox

Nancy
Happy Valentine's Day!
How do you expect me
To remember your
Birthday when you never
Look any older?

All my love, Larry.

Dear Mom and Dad
Happy Valentine's Day! We love
you very much.

Love your children
Logan, Dustyn & Michaela.

To Dianne
"Valentine - my heart if full of
love and I want to share it all
with you today, tomorrow and
always. Happy Valentine's Day
my darling."

From Gord

To my dear wife Doreen:
So many wonderful memories
we share
And to each other we show the
ultimate care
We travel far and wide
And maintain for each other the

most magnificent pride
My love for you is so deep and
true
It is always there through and
through.

Love always, Robert.

Angela
I would like to wish you a
Happy Valentine's Day & let the
whole world know how much I
love you!

John

Stuart
I do believe that God above
Made you for me to love
He picked you out from all the
rest.
Because he knew you would be
the best, Valentine.

Love Trudy.

To JRD
Happy Valentine's Day you are
the best of the best.

Love always forever, Blue Eyes.

To Car Wash Guy
With all my love

The Bargain Shop Gal

To the Adorable Angler:
How could the world's ugliest
fish
Be associated with such a hot lit-
tle dish?
But the fact remains that you're
a lot like that ling,
Long and strong with absolutely
no sting.
Unlike that fish, you weren't a
struggle to catch
And lucky for me we're an
incredible match
So anytime you want to hang
out in the huts,
I'll be there with you, Dave,
no ifs ands or buts.

With love from the girl
Who knows all your angles.

To Trudy
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Girl I love you
And this is true.

Love Yankee "Stuart."

To Avery
"Roses are red
Violets are blue,

Our precious little girl
Is a dream come true."
With all our dreams & wishes
and hugs & kisses, Happy 1st
Valentine's Day!

Love Mommy & Daddy.

To Jenny P.
You and me are sisters,
When you were gone I missed
you,
It hurt to see you go,
But in my heart I said I know,
she'd soon be back with me,
and sisters we would always be,
Sisters for life, Its been a while,
Since I've seen ur pretty smile,
Your back now laughing with
me,
fun, sad, bad, sweet memories,
we were crazy when we were
together,
we were best friends and will be
forever,
never will we really part, cuz
forever you'll
be in my hears, Sisters for life,
We'll make up for lost time,

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From the heart

Tory Hill residents Jeanette and Steve Gardiner want to start a tradition of decorating their home with seasonal holidays such as St. Patrick's Day (the next one on their list), Easter and Hallowe'en. Steve expects to construct a shed to house all the holiday decorations. The couple hopes others will follow their lead and decorate for Valentine's Day. Photo, Darren Lum.

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Ara Lauricella says that she always tells her mom and dad that she loves them when she hasn't seen them for a while, like when she goes to school. "I say I love you when I miss them. Whenever I go someplace I miss them." (Photos on this page by Martha Perkins.)



Derek Rolfe says "You say I love you when you're being nice. You kiss moms and dads and sisters." Derek, who has quite an imagination, says he also loves his Imaginary friend L.E. the Dragon. "He's my friend. I made him a house and a car."



Ethan Carl is all smiles about telling his mother he loves her on Valentine's Day, even though he doesn't need a special occasion.

The meaning of love

Because this edition of The Echo comes out on Valentine's Day, we went to Stuart Baker Elementary School to ask children in Marit LaPierre's kindergarten class about love. How can such a little word say so much?



Ara Barry knows that her parents love her because they let me watch my favourite shows in the morning. She lets her mom know that she loves her by getting her presents. "Then she gets happy."



Kristi Clements says love "Is when people do special stuff for you. My mom buys stuff for us, special things. My daddy bought my mommy a ring for her birthday."



Natalya Gimon tells her parents that she loves them when she's feeling happy. They usually return the favour but "not after I get in trouble."

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no one like you will I ever find
I just thought I'd tell you,
ur in my heart and I love you,
Sisters for life. Happy
Valentine's Day

Love Nicky

To Joey R.
I love the way you look at me,
Your eyes so dark and brown.
I love the way you kiss me,
Your lips so soft and smooth.
I love the way you make me so
happy.
And the ways you show you
care.
I love the way you say, "I Love
You."
And the way you're always
there.
I love the way you touch me,
Always sending chills down my
spine.
I love that you are with me,
And glad that you are mine.
Happy Valentine's Day.

Love Nicky.

Mom and Dad
When I think of all the things
you do,
the ways in which you care,
I'm filled with a sense of grati-
tude and pride
that is always there.
I seldom take the time to tell you
that I'm happy you're my mom
and dad,
so I'll tell you now what's in my
heart
"You're the best that I could
have!"
Happy Valentine's Day.

Love Nicky.

To baby Nicole
An angel is like you, Nicole, and
you are an angel.
You mean the world to me.
Happy Valentine's Day.

Love aunt Nicky.

To Joe P.
I'm happy to say
I'm your little sis and you're the
best
Brother anyone could have even
though u can be a pain. Happy
Valentine's Day.

Love Nicky.

Dear John
Every day is Valentine's Day liv-
ing with you.
Thanks for being such a special
husband and a great dad.
We love you lots.

Lady Di & Cabbage Patch Babe.

Rocket Man:
Always remember that I love
you.
Love and kisses from your wife.

Short Circuit.

Best Valentine
He wasn't willing to love you for
who you are.
He wasn't able to change you or
break your spirit.
He is gone now, and all he left
you were bad memories.
By My Valentine

Accept my love as you can...
You will find that it will replace
all those bad memories.

Together Forever.

To My Husband,
I first saw you
walking across
the room,
Towards me
where we
met playing
cards
I later
learned why it

seemed to take you forever to
cover the short yards,
It was due to the hip operations
you had done.
You asked me to marry you not
once, not twice, but three times
and then you had the engage-
ment ring and wedding band
made to fit my finger on that
special day back in 2002.
I love you with my whole heart
and soul and Please be mine for
now and always.

Love from your
Kitty Cat.

Cabbage Patch
Very proud of you
Love you lots & always
Dad

Lady
Together we found so much
more to plan, accomplish and
explore than we were hoping
for.
My wife
My friend
My love.

Love you
John

To my beautiful brown eyes girl
Mackenzie Sisson
You make every day special
But you make this one Extra
Special
Knowing that your my

Valentine.

Love Grandma.

To Ryan:
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
I searched a long time
To find someone like you.
Now that I've found you,
You have my heart.
Today, tomorrow, we'll never
part.

Love Carrie.

To Shaina and Natalie:
"Tickles are fun,
and candies are sweet.
I think my two big
cousins
are really, really
neat!"
Happy Valentine's
Day!

Love Avery

To Grandma and
Grandpa:
"My favorite place
to play
in the whole wide
world,
is where I'm
Grandpa's Precious
Angel,
And Grandma's
Baby Girl!"
Happy Valentine's
Day!

Love Avery

Ryan
You make every day extra spe-
cial and I hope that you feel as
loved by me as I do you!

Love forever
Mackenzie
xoxoxo

Mackenzie
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
We hope you know how much
we love you.

Happy Valentines Day
Lots of Hugs & Kisses
Mommy & Ryan and Bitzer

Grandma
I love you.
Hope you have a Happy
Valentines Day.

Love forever
Your brown eyed girl

Poppa
I love you.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love forever,
Mackenzie

To: TBIS BIG GUY
Best wishes for a
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Pumpkin,
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Graham crack-
ers and
Perry
Berry.

To Daddy:
Hugs and kisses
Meet ya on the roof!
Love Miranda, Christine, Mathew,
Diana and Sara.
xoxoxoxoxo

Happy Valentines Day
To Ed and Hilda Rhynold on the
60th Anniversary of their
engagement.

Love Ken, Wanda, Glenn and
Teresa, Mark, Diane, and families.

Fishing is good
Bow hunting is the best
But I love You more than all of

them the best.
Happy Valentines
Sweet-Ems.
Love your Gome Huntin Husband
Bi
000000 xxxxx

For My True Love
After all this time
I didn't think a love
Like this was possible.
I didn't know that
The touch of a hand
Could be so tender.
The sound of a voice so sweet,
The laughter so exhilarating,
The world so rosy.
I didn't imagine
That I would ever celebrate
Valentine's Day
... with you.
Now together forever
My very best friend,
My magic,
My joy,
My love,
My Valentine!

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Today is the day that people tel
others how much they care
about them. Today we went to
tell you how much we love you
Happy Valentines Da
Love Mackenzie, Ryan & Bitze

To: Wilbertown Mark
Happy 22nd Anniversary.
(17 days to go).

I love you alway
Sque

We love you Renzo,
Oh yes we do!
And to our Renzo we will be
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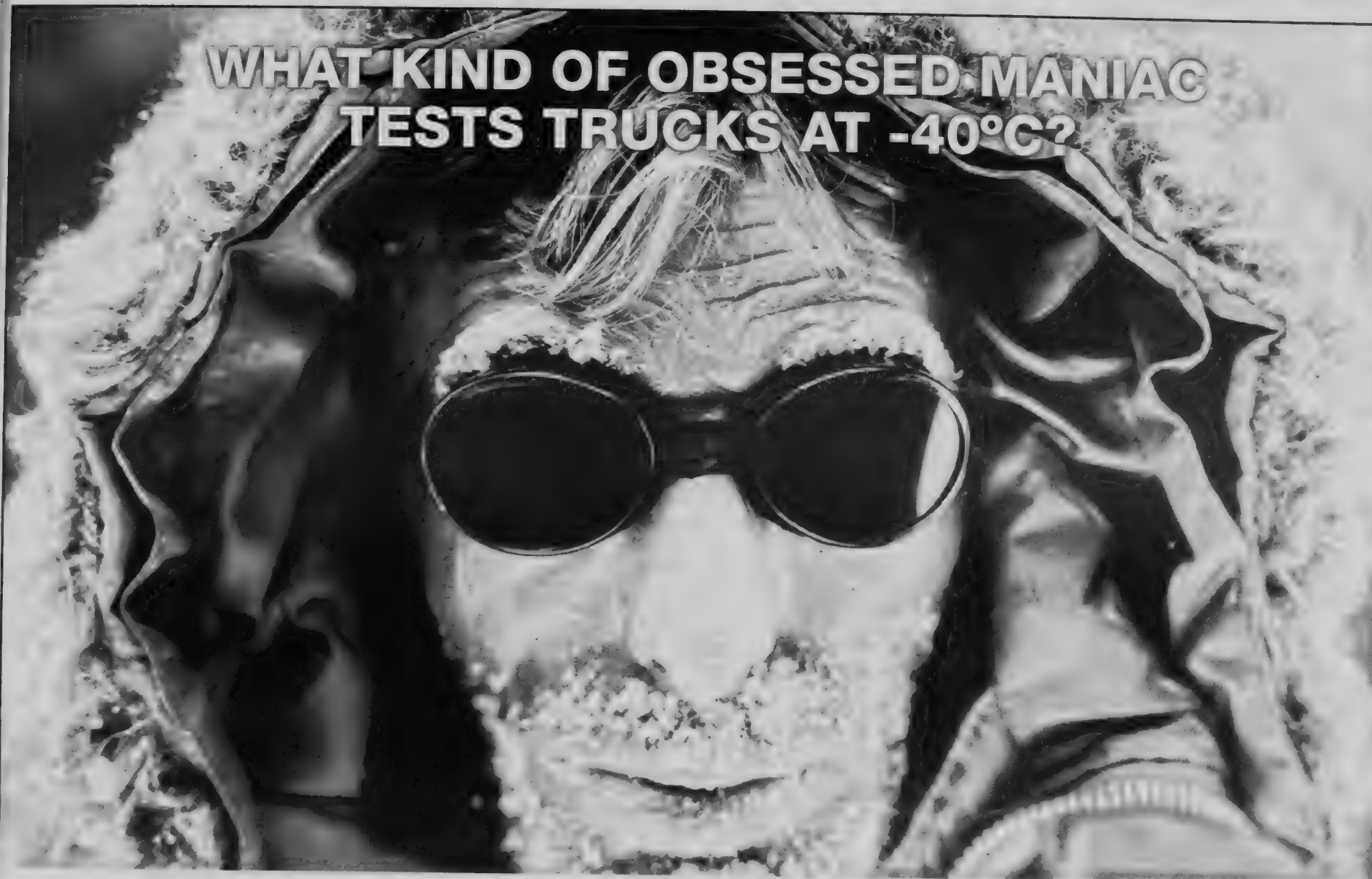
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Chasing North Face money will cost more money

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OPP investigation into the Valentines' business practices. No charges have been laid.

The story has all the elements of a television drama series, says one of North Face's clients, who says he paid the company for work that was never done.

Once petitioned, the courts appointed Mel Zwaig and Associates to undertake a preliminary investigation using money provided by Haliburton Lumber and Hawk River Construction. Zwaig is president of a company that specializes in financial restructuring and forensic accounting. He is also a Canning Lake cottager.

"In these processes," he said before Friday's meeting, "creditors get together and appoint a person like myself to try to collect the assets of an insolvent company and determine how much [money is available to pay creditors with.] Hopefully there are assets you can sell and distribute."

Chairing the meeting was Jean-Marc McCabe, an official receiver with the Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada. He is paid by the federal government and ran the meeting according to federal rules. For instance, the only people who could vote at the meeting were proven unsecured creditors.

After explaining procedures, McCabe said "I can report that Heather Valentine was examined under oath by my colleagues in Edmonton on February 7."

"The long and the short of it is that a certain sum of money was received [by North Face] in early October: \$65,000 and \$85,000. The receiving of these funds may lead to actions of the trustee."

Where those funds are now is unclear because of the "commingling" of the Valentines' personal and business funds, McCabe said. "Company money and Valentine money were treated as interchangeable and that can lead to other sources of recovery."

In Edmonton, under the Bankruptcy Act Heather was required to submit to questions under oath and also supplied, through an accountant in Newmarket, four boxes of company records. More information will be provided later.

Zwaig said that he talked to Heather by phone and "she has been very co-operative and is answering all questions."

Zwaig also said there was an ongoing investigation by the OPP, which has a totally separate role.

The two men then invited questions from the floor.

Is there any rough idea of assets available and how much is owing Revenue Canada?

"We do not have a handle on the total assets," Zwaig said. "We are led to believe all accounts to Revenue

Canada have been paid up to date."

Later he said that North Face accounts do not list any secured creditors.

Did the \$65,000 and \$85,000 stay in the company?

In the statement taken in Edmonton by bankruptcy officials, Heather Valentine said the money was deposited in the TD Bank and the bank dispersed it to normal operating costs. The account balance was at zero when the account was closed. The account was frozen

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ONE OF THE CREDITORS

with \$20,000 remaining in its line of credit.

Zwaig said, "the funds obviously went to payment to TD Bank... They were a secured creditor. They have not filed a claim yet. There was mass confusion because TD had a mortgage on [the Valentines' Haliburton home] and the home was sold in December."

Responding to a question about whether North Face funds were used to pay personal lines of credit, McCabe said "that's where it's grey."

"I have seen nothing to indicate," he added, "that the Valentines have got a pile of money from this for themselves. Did they come out of this with a pile of cash? Highly, highly unlikely."

Zwaig said a perusal of the four boxes of accounting files "does not indicate they walked off with big dollars separately."

He then said he has not yet met with the OPP officer looking into the Valentines' business practices, Sandy Adams from the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

One man asked that "if it's proven that they took the money and paid down personal lines of credit, have you seen a bank give back misappropriated funds so it can be paid back to creditors?"

It depends on the circumstances under which the money was paid to the bank, Zwaig said. "If they received money they weren't entitled to, you do your best to recover the assets."

Knowing where the money went is half the battle, Zwaig said. Getting it back is another issue. "If it's sitting in cash in a bank..."

"Or in a house in Edmonton," replied one man in the audience.

McCabe said that under Alberta rules, the first \$200,000 in home equity is secured. But if the money

can be traced to be shown it wasn't properly used, "then let the games begin."

As part of their questions to Zwaig and McCabe, some people in the audience spoke about how they believed the Valentines spent money from the business. Answering the questions, Zwaig said, will require much more digging.

But more digging has to be paid for by the very people who are already owed money.

When Zwaig was asked by a member of the audience if creditors should be rooting for him or the police, Zwaig said, "If I were you I'd be rooting for us. The OPP are responsible for looking for criminality. They don't put money in your pocket."

Will the police co-operate with Zwaig if Zwaig is hired to proceed?

"We're both officers of the court," Zwaig said. "I'm quite prepared to share my findings and the OPP should be prepared to share their findings."

As questions continued, Zwaig said that Heather Valentine said the company was owed \$157,000 in accounts receivable. However, she said that when she tried to get the money she was "met with a stone wall from the people."

"To quote her, it was the inability to collect [the money owed to them] that forced them to leave the county."

To which one of the homeowners replied, "They hadn't done the work, that's why we didn't pay."

One man who worked for North Face said that he had asked Scott whether the worker could afford to put an addition on his house. Scott, he said, told him to go ahead because there was \$400,000 coming into the business in October.

A home owner responded that Valentine "wanted payment of \$56,000 and it was due when the house was completed. It wasn't nearly completed. They were trying to collect money in advance of doing the work."

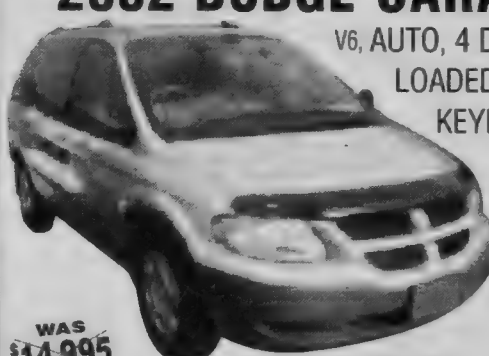
Valentine would argue that the work to be paid for was an upgrade. The homeowner argued it was part of the contract that had already been paid for.

There was a moan when McCabe told the people who had hired North Face that if there is money owing to the business, Zwaig is "duty bound to try to get it from you." However, the circumstances of the dispute would be taken into consideration.

When McCabe was asked about the business's financial records, he avoided joining any speculation but did say, "If you willfully destroy or alter a document of a bankruptcy, that's an offence" separate from the police investigation. The bankruptcy act assumes people will act with integrity "and there are serious repercussions if

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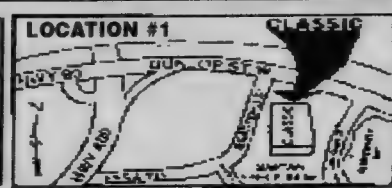
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they do not."

Zwaig said that Heather Valentine has agreed to come back to Ontario for an interview with the police. "She has undertaken to give me the rest of her books," Zwaig said, adding that although information can be deleted from a file, it is never erased from a computer's hard drive.

Under the Privacy Act, Zwaig cannot go to the Valentines' bank and ask for personal banking information. For that he'd need a court order.

McCabe said, "When Mr. Zwaig is appointed he has some authority to access all the information the corporation had. Obviously the money has left North Face. What happens next becomes a matter of forensic accounting."

But as one man in the crowd said, "If there's no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow there's no sense spending \$100,000 to get \$10,000."

Zwaig said that if creditors decide to continue the investigation, the first money found will go towards paying him and the other people conducting the investigation.

"This is nuts," said a creditor. "What little money is left will go to you."

Zwaig asked him to suggest solutions, not only focus on problems. The man's solution? "Jump in a cab and work with the OPP."

Later Zwaig said that going through him would be less expensive than suing North Face. McCabe says there are no pending lawsuits that they are aware of.

Another man asked what role Scott Valentine played in the investigation since Heather Valentine was the focus of the interviews. McCabe said that "Mrs. Valentine has been designated as the person required to submit to examination. We can examine him at a later date if required. We have not talked to him."

Zwaig and McCabe were then asked about vacations that the Valentines took and what assets were available to the creditors. Apparently all debts in the Valentines' own names have been cleared.

McCabe said, "If money came from the corporation to pay off their debts, is it money that should have gone to [creditors]? Yes. Is it recoverable? Maybe. If the money went to pay off a personal mortgage, the bank will put up a fight."

McCabe said the Valentines had a numbered company that comes under

the bankruptcy investigation because it is listed as owing money to North Face.

If money is found, it will be distributed to creditors paying for the investigation on a pro-rated basis. If only one creditor goes ahead with the investigation, then that creditor would get all of the money.

Zwaig said, "Based on what I've learned so far, and it may be a big folly on my part, but it appears there are assets available."

Is it worth it to continue, one man asked. "I don't know," Zwaig said. "We don't have enough of a handle on what it will entail to recover the assets."

The man who gave North Face the \$85,000 cheque in October said he approached TD Bank shortly afterwards with his concerns. He asked why deposit money doesn't go into a trust fund before a project starts.

"If you pay someone in trust and the cheque is made out in trust, then it should be in trust," Zwaig responded.

McCabe said, "If you have deposit money I strongly urge you to seek independent legal advice. We are not your lawyer."

As to the police investigation, if charges are laid and there's a guilty verdict then "theoretically there can be a restitution order," McCabe said.

Shouldn't the federal government have a small business fund to pay for these investigations, one man asked. McCabe said there are only provisions where the RCMP can conduct forensic audits.

One local businessman who's owed money asked, "How successful will Mr. Zwaig be in getting information the OPP has subpoenaed? Will he have to wait until after the investigation?"

Zwaig repeated that both he and the OPP are officers of the court and he's conducted other investigations where information has been shared.

McCabe said, "Generally speaking police forces co-operate with trustees. I have seen cases where the criminal side and our side have gone together really well."

McCabe then ended the question and answer segment of the meeting and asked if there was a motion to appoint Zwaig as trustee of any subsequent investigation. The motion was made and passed.

The next step is that the three directors have asked Zwaig to conduct a preliminary investigation.

No one at the meeting spoke on behalf of the Valentines.



Charity for cancer

The Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League's (from left) President Dale Jewett presented Canadian Cancer Society Treasurer Bill Obee with a \$500 cheque from money raised through the sale of the cook book For the Breast of Friends. Executive member Susan Sheehan also attended. The league has more than 200 members. Darren Lum photo.



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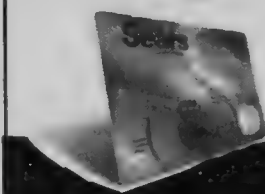
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Daniel Wright takes a tag from Shane Dibblee during the team-relay event. This "fun event" focused on the collegial side of the sport at the end of the day of races at Glebe Park last week.

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HHSS skiers advance to COSSA

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Sixteen teams were piped on the ice by Earl Cooper to get the day started. The main sponsor of the day was Magic Touch along with Highland Images, IGA Haliburton, V & S Department Store, and The Log Cabin in West Guilford.

The results are as follows.

Overall winners was the team of three (a feat in itself): Skip Bev Martin, vice Wendy Vermeersch and second Helen Baker with 34.5 points. They won their last game 10-0.

In second place was a team skipped by Diane Tigert, with vice Marilyn Watson, second Luba Glachan and lead Lolita Mitchell. Third place went to skip Irene Houtby, with Vice Rosemarie Cook, Second Tracey Stewart and lead Lorraine Semple.

Second Draw winners

The first-place team was skipped by Jan Cox, with vice Lorraine Virgin, second Marilyn Rydberg and lead Lois Welch. Second place went to Pat Norman skip, June Beadle vice, and Carolyn Bebee second. Third place went to Emily La Rue skip, Yvonne Johnson vice, Pat Reynolds second and lead Joan Stinson.

The good sport award went to Peggy Sharpe's team with vice Teddy Stuckless, second Adele Pope, and vice Marg Risk.

With great expense from Las Vegas the entertainment was a song "For All the Girls I've Loved Before" by Willie Nelson (aka Bruce Martin) and Julio Iglesias (aka Richard Bebee). The women in the skit were Pat Dickson (the

very pregnant woman), Wendy Vermeersch (the old bag lady), Luba Glachan (the Haliburton Hooker) and Chris Zahn (Annie with the gun). Other entertainment consisted of the Barnyard Animal Game and Our Special Valentines matching picture game.

Special thanks to all the following that made the day such a success.

Servers Jack Virgin, Al DeGrave, John Glachan, Bill Vermeersch, Paul Johnson looked very dapper in their heart bowties, arm bands and aprons. Caterer Janet Tice provided us with an excellent lunch while the able bartender are Wilf Guenette. Bev Martin and Chester Howse were scorekeepers. John Watson was the ice maker.

In other curling news, two women teams travelled to Fenlon Falls Curling Club on Friday Feb 10 for the 4 Town Ladies Bonspiel. One team consisted of Cheryl Smillie skip, Brigitte Bassie vice, Mary Jane Dillon second and lead Wendy Vermeersch. The second team from Haliburton was skipped by Emily La Rue, with vice Doreen DeGrave, second Lorraine Virgin and lead Mary Lou Waggett. Both teams had one win and one loss each.

Based on the Olympics theme the gold winner was the team of Nancy Winter from Bobcaygon. Silver went to Joy Holmes team from Fenelon Falls and Bronze went to Wynn Taylor's team from Minden. The good sport award went to Marie Leonard's team from Minden. Although Haliburton teams were not in the top three, they won cash prizes in the lucky draws.

Haliburton Curling Club was represented Saturday January 28 at the Bancroft Curling Club in a bonspiel with a team skipped by Sandra Duchemin.

The club is still looking for curlers for the two-day Build the House fundraising bonspiel on February 17 and 18.

Boys' tenacity gives basketball team its spirit

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 18
LCVI 63

Measuring the Red Hawks' junior boys basketball team by its attitude makes them a winner, says Head Coach Irv Sternberg.

Following a loss to the best team in Kawartha West, the LCVI Spartans from Lindsay, Sternberg said, "I'm proud of the boys because they have a lot of tenacity. They really try hard although they don't have a lot of experience. They give it the Hal High try."

"The real victory is that the guys come out and give it a 100 per cent. What more can a coach ask for?"

In their second-last home game of the season a shocked and subdued crowd watched as HHSS surrendered a 30-point run in the third quarter to the Spartans after coming to within two points midway in the second.

Sternberg said the team showed fatigue in the second half because of the two-week break for exams.

The Red Hawks came as close as two points with a little more than five minutes left in the second quarter, but never regained that momentum in the rest of the game.



Red Hawks junior centre Marcus Hewitt fends off three Spartans defenders to pull down the defensive rebound in the first half. The first place Kawartha West Spartans won 63-18. (As of printing the juniors were winless and not expected to make the playoffs).

However, at the half, HHSS left the floor losing by 10 points, giving the Haliburton fans hope for a competitive game.

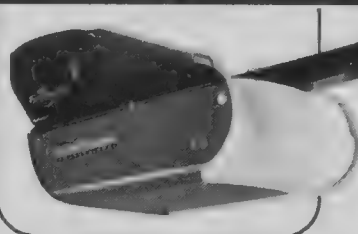
"For us to be that close after half time against a first place team I was impressed," Sternberg says. "We had a good half. The boys hustled really well. We missed two or three easy layups. If we make a few layups we have a tied ball game at the half."

Those who stood out for him are Mitch Sobel, Jesse Luke Frybort, Marcus Hewitt, Trevor Cook, Brock Brown, and Tyler Turcotte.

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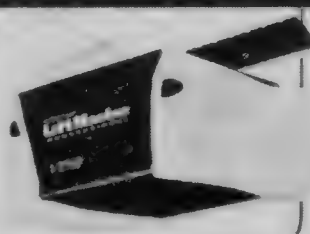
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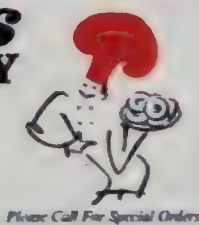
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Rachel's HOME BAKERY

A Passion For Baking



For Marian Markowski baking is not only a vocation but a passion that has dominated his entire life. The owner of Rachel's Home Bakery, located in both Minden and Haliburton, grew up in his father's bakery in Poland and has continued that tradition through his own family-run business.

"Baking is an art form," says Marian the first person in Canada to achieve the rank of Master Baker.

This May, Rachel's Bakery will celebrate its 17th anniversary. Marian bought the bakery 13 years ago. Trained in Poland, Marian worked as a cook for the Polish army. Upon coming to Canada he worked as a pastry chef at the King Edward Hotel and Movenpick restaurant in Toronto.

A Canadian champion of baking and pastry, Marian is presently on the board of directors for the Baking Association of Canada and is an officer for the Pastry Chef Guild of Canada. He is active in the organization of the annual Food and Beverage Show and the Baking Show both held in Toronto. The zealous baker has appeared in numerous trade baking journals that highlight his knowledge and expertise.

A member of the Artisan Baker's Quality Alliance, Marian has created artistic pieces out of dough including baskets. To him, baking is a serious art form.

"Artisan bakers use hands and add personal feeling compared to machine-made bread," says Marian.

Marian passes on his skill through his business. Rachel's Home Bakery offers customers 32 varieties of bread, an assortment of cakes, cookies, pies and pastries, a selection of fine European products and a deli counter.

The locally-owned bakery welcomes custom orders to satisfy special dietary needs. The bakery makes gluten-free, wheat-free and salt-free breads.

"I have a customer who travels 60 km to pick up his bread," says Marian adding that the bakery uses no preservatives.

The Haliburton location, managed by Marian's wife Eva, is in the Village Barn on Highland Street. With a few inside tables, and a patio in



the summer, the location is a favourite spot among locals for a sandwich or soup. With an espresso machine purchased from Italy, customers can enjoy an authentic espresso or cappuccino.

Plans are underway to expand the Minden location. Marian talks of opening a third location but says his biggest challenge is finding skilled bakers.

In 2003, Marian put Minden on the world baking map when he made the world's biggest birthday cake for Minden's annual Canada Day celebration. Eight feet by four feet, weighing 510 pounds the cake took 16 local firefighters to move. Last year, Marian's record was broken with a cake that was baked 26 pounds heavier in Las Vegas during the city's 100th anniversary. The local bakery owner is devising a strategy to create a 1,000-pound cake. An obstacle is how to move the cake out the door of the Minden bakery. Marian gestures towards the wall, suggesting he may have to take off the side of the building. Looking for local sponsors, Marian is still in the development stage and says it will take another year or two of organizing before breaking the current record.

Rachel's Home Bakery is located in Minden at 172 Main Street and is open from five a.m. to five p.m. The Haliburton location at 195 Highland Street is open nine a.m. to five p.m. Both locations are closed Sundays and Monday throughout the winter.



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Getting a grip on success

Ide captures 5th at wrestling provincials

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A Red Hawk is discovering a new perspective after success at the Ontario Provincial Juvenile Wrestling Championships.

Rebecca Ide, a second-year wrestler in Grade 12, earned 5th place at the provincial event that drew a field of several hundred, including nationally and provincially ranked wrestlers. It was held at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena Six Nations in Hagersville from February 3 to 5.

She was the lone HHSS representative at the open field of competition where she faced off against the second-ranked woman wrestler in the country.

The weekend meet started well for her with a quick one-round victory via the pin that earned her a berth to the "A" side.

"It was unbelievable," she said. "I really wanted to wrestle. It was one of my best."

Waiting around for her first match of the event created a great atmosphere for

DARREN LUM/ECHO



Rebecca Ide is a multi-talented athlete who loves wrestling. She's got the fire of competition in her eyes despite a disarming smile.

her, pumping her up, readying her physically and mentally for the match.

The A berth gave her a chance to rest up the remainder of the day for the next day matches.

Against strong competition Rebecca ended her performance for the two-day match with two wins and two losses.

She made the trip to Hagersville with her father and had her own cheering section of family members, including an uncle and cousins.

Ide said, "It gives [me] a whole new way to look at [competition]."

Last year the self-assured teen wasn't as confident during the Kawartha wrestling competition. Her experience in Hagersville gives her an edge over her competitors, one that she is looking forward to using.

ward to using.

Last year when she competed at Kawartha there was a sense of sensory overload. Seeing the opposing wrestlers with their hoods on as they talked with their personal coaches gave Rebecca an overwhelming sense of awe.

"I think I'm going to have my head into it now," she said.

Haliburton will be hosting the Kawartha Wrestling competition at HHSS on Feb. 15.

The Grade 12 HHSS student loves the competition of sport and has been a captain of the field hockey team, an OFSAA competitor in the javelin in Grade 10, discus competitor, volleyball team member, snowboarding member and badminton doubles player.

Her start in wrestling came from encouraging words from her field hockey coach Traci Hubbert (who is a good friend of coach Dan Fockler). Rebecca considered wrestling as an off-season sport despite her misgivings about grappling other women and wearing a singlet. Since then her development has been attributed to coaches Paul Klose and Fockler.

In two years all of those misgivings have changed, even giving her aspirations of making the Gryphons wrestling team at Guelph University where she hopes to be studying this coming autumn.

"As long as I can be a part of a [wrestling] club I'd be a part of wrestling," she said.



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Barbara Fawcett, who administers community housing in Haliburton, wonders about the long term consequences for seniors and families if the lack of affordable housing is not addressed.

Is housing in Haliburton County in crisis?

Story, photos by Lance Crossley

Elizabeth opened the classifieds incessantly for six months trying to find a place to live. At the time, she was in a marriage gone wrong and wanted a way out but first she needed a suitable place to accommodate her and her two sons. She had lived in the same comfortable home for years and had no knowledge about the current housing market in Haliburton County.

"I struggled for half a year and stayed in a situation I didn't want to stay in because I couldn't find a reasonable place to live," says Elizabeth, a long-time resident of the area who asked that her real name not be used. "But I didn't have a choice."

There were innumerable vacancies under Fleming College's accommodation list, but most were either seasonal or simply not appropriate for a family. Those in the local newspapers were either seasonal or subject to a short shelf life.

"I was amazed that there was nothing," says Elizabeth. "I checked the paper all the time but by the time I called, boom, it was gone."

Out of desperation, Elizabeth eventually took a place that suited her needs but not her pocketbook – an \$1,100 a month home with utilities costing extra. It is only now, one year on from the beginning of her search, that she has found a rental more appropriate to her predicament as a single mom.

Elizabeth was lucky in that she makes a middle-class salary by county standards and was capable of taking something out

of her price range for a period of time. But her quest for housing was nevertheless troubling, almost as though she had hit an invisible barrier in the community she had no idea was there. In short, she didn't know affordable housing was a scarcity.

Some might say that Elizabeth's situation was an anomaly, a string of bad luck, or a lack of resourcefulness on her part. But there are a growing number of concerned individuals within the county who see her example as merely the tip of a very large iceberg, one that is particularly affecting young families and seniors.

Indeed, there are some who believe that lack of affordable housing in Haliburton County is a silent crisis that is incrementally – but surely – emerging from underneath our radar.

There are only three main affordable housing options available in Haliburton County: Haliburton Community Housing Corporation (95 apartment units), the Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation in Minden (56 apartment units and 20 townhouses), and the Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation in Wilberforce (24 apartment units and 10 townhouses) – all of which are clogged with notoriously long waiting lists.

(There are also two small non-profit apartment complexes in Minden and

Haliburton that are run by the City of Kawartha Lakes, as well as some scattered homes provided by Wigwamen, a non-profit native housing provider.)

A portion of these rentals is set at market-value in order to help offset operation costs, but most spaces are subsidized for less fortunate individuals who can rent at 30 per cent of their earned income. Those waiting to get into these spaces are becoming more and more desperate, according to industry insiders.

HCHC, which operates Park Lane and Echo Hills Legion Apartments, has about 60 applicants waiting to get into its subsidized housing, some of whom have been waiting since 2002. Its market-value rentals, which account for about 30 per cent of its housing stock, have 150 applications on the waiting list. Some of those applicants have been waiting for the past seven years for an apartment to become available. Most of the spaces are reserved for seniors but a few spots are aimed at singles and couples with no children.

Barbara Fawcett, administrator for HCHC, says lack of senior housing is a serious problem – but lack of housing for families and young professionals is in an even greater crisis.

"In the whole county there are only 30 units for families," says Fawcett. "Any of the developers that we've heard about over the last number of years have all been interested in seniors housing, because that's where all the money is. But my concern is that even if we could

build enough housing for seniors, who is going to support them? Who is going to pump the gas at the gas station? Who is going to be their accountant? Who is going to take their groceries out at the grocery store?"

"We can't dump 50,000 seniors in Haliburton County and give them housing without having supports. It's about having a whole society."

Fawcett says she has known local examples where up to three families have crammed their children into one home in order to make ends meet.

Kathy Rogers, who manages the non-profit complex in Wilberforce, where there is a two-year waiting list, is also especially concerned about family and singles' housing. Rogers believes even the long waiting lists don't reflect just how bad the situation has gotten.

"Families are usually looking urgently, so they don't always go on to the waiting list," says Rogers. "I have that happen all the time. They don't even fill out the application because I never have anything available."

Staanworth, located in Minden, is comprised of three separate building projects: two for seniors and one for families. Those on the Staanworth waiting list can expect to wait an average of two to five years for a spot to open up.

"It's a long waiting list because there

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isn't really anywhere else to go," says Judy Churchward, manager of Staanworth. "We have a real need for more rental housing in the county."

Another telltale marker of a looming housing crisis is the widening gap between real estate prices and local salaries. Real estate indicators such as the recent MPAC assessments are seeing both waterfront and non-waterfront property values in Haliburton County rise well above the provincial average. And, despite the increasing success in attracting tourism, the county's primary industry sector, this still remains a relatively poor area. According to the 2001 census, the average income in the county hovered around \$22,000 a year, well below the provincial average of \$35,000.

Haliburton County Family Services has become so concerned about the lack of affordable housing that the agency organized a housing forum in January. About 30 people came to discuss how to expand the county's affordable housing stock, including representatives from non-profit housing corporations in Peterborough and Muskoka.

Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services, says when housing options become scarce, it is the beginning of economic decline.

"You can't attract a work force," says Martin, who knows of young professionals staying in B&Bs during the winter months because of the local housing quandary. "They say now that you can't come back to Haliburton County unless you bring your job with you. Pretty soon it will be you can't come back to Haliburton County unless you bring your job and your house with you."

Part of the problem, says Martin, is that there is no comprehensive information

'Pretty soon it will be you can't come back to Haliburton County unless you bring your job and your house with you,' says Fay Martin



Judy Churchward manages Staanworth non-profit housing in Minden and says waiting lists are long because of the lack of housing options in the county. Staanworth has a two-to-five year waiting time.

on the state of housing in the county. Aside from a few sparse statistics from the 2001 census, no one really knows how the needs of the local population and the availability of real housing options match up together.

"To me the issue is that we are leaving the planning for this crucial asset of the community to whatever private develop-

er sees an opportunity," says Martin. "To me, it's economic suicide to not have a good handle on your housing stock."

Many municipalities have entire departments devoted solely to housing research. Fred Phipps, who co-ordinated the housing forum, believes Haliburton County has to form something similar.

"The county has a big heart but it needs

a central organization to take everything into account," Phipps says.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation, an economic development agency, does not include general housing in its economic vision but did identify senior housing as an important issue in its strategic planning.

"We saw that there was a lack of available accommodation for older people in Haliburton County when they no longer want to stay in their homes or maintain them," says Andy Campbell, HCDC general manager. "People leaving the area is not necessarily a good thing, so we wondered if there was anything we could do to facilitate the growth of some retirement communities."

HCDC is presently trying to facilitate senior housing initiatives but Campbell admits nothing is close to being announced.

Heather Ross, a Kinmount resident who attended the recent housing summit, is one of those people worried over the lack of affordable housing.

"My interest in this is that I'm getting old and eventually I'll need housing that doesn't take as much work," says Ross. "There is talk about little projects happening like St. George's-by-the-Lake (a condo development idea by the Haliburton Anglican Church) but if you're really poor, you're still out of luck."

Housing in Haliburton County is one of those issues that no one really has a firm grasp on. No one really knows the depth of the crisis, let alone how to remedy it. But if a middle-class professional like Elizabeth felt distraught by her search for housing, one wonders what happens when the rest of the iceberg emerges.

(In a future issue, *The Echo* will look at the future of housing in Haliburton County.)

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The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow-Run is in its 7th year, Liz Jesseman's 4th year of participation, and the reason for mentioning this is that Liz and per parents, Ed and Helen Jesseman are cottagers both winter and summer on Pine Lake.

The run was in Huntsville, from Deerhurst Resort on Feb. 4th. Participants collected pledges or money

throughout the year, many of them breast cancer survivors or connected closely with someone undergoing this experience and treatment.

There were speakers and awards, and this year Liz won the award for most money collected, in this case \$5,000. Congratulations, Liz! Dinner was followed by a silent auction, door prizes, and by a live auction.

All together with everyone's collections. Donations amounted to two hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Liz's home's in Oakville but obviously her heart's in the Highlands and we are so proud to realize this.

Guilford babies of 2005 whose pictures made it into the news just lately, all infant beauties, so welcome to be part of the next generation and congratulations. (Some quite belated) to these young couples and offspring: Hunter Barry, son of Troy and Betty Barry; Owen Nicholls, son of Erin Nicholls, Brianna Elder; Matthew, son of Marcus and Ginny Letourneau; James, son of Sarah and Nick Adams; and Jack, son of Sheri Whiteway and Dave Walker.

Former Guilford resident Harry Rodley phoned to share the news of his recent trip to Mexico, Puerto Vallarta to be exact, where he spent the week and,

like many others, was thrilled by the sight of the ocean, and the whole travel experience.

Heather Harrington of Calgary is visiting her mother, Carol Duncan, for a few weeks.

Our Highlands Concert Band performed at Minden United Church following their annual business (congregational) meeting on Feb. 3rd.

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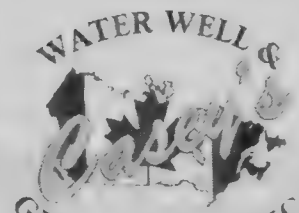
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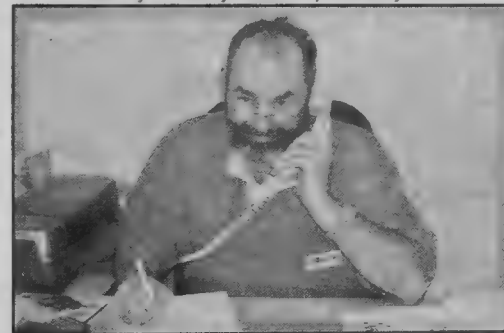
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Writing contest deadline March 22

The 4th Annual Writing Contest celebrates the power of the written word as well as the imagination and skill of creative individuals.

Open to all writers, this contest is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network and The Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Grand Prizes

- A one-week writing course at the 2006 Haliburton School of the Arts (www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca) for the overall best adult submission in the short story or non-fiction categories
- A week at Medeba Venture Day Camp (www.medeba.com) for the overall best elementary student submission
- A half-hour flight over Haliburton for a winner and two friends (age 17 and under)

Other Prizes

- A Family Membership to Trails and Tours as well as "His and Hers" Trails and Tours T-shirts
- A selection of books from Random House and other publishers
- A membership to the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network for a year
- Gift certificates for dinner at local restaurants
- Certificates for gifts from the shop at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery
- Gift certificates for books of your choice from Scholastic Press (for students)
- Theatre tickets to local productions

Categories:

- Short Story, Non-fiction and Poetry: Adult; Grades 11-12; Grades 9-10; Grades 7-8
- Monologues and Short Plays: Adult; Grades 11-12

Entrance Fee: For adults, it is \$5 per submission. Three poems will count as one submission in the poetry category. Student entries in all categories are free (ages 18 and under). Cheques should be made out to The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. Please don't mail cash.

Deadline: Submissions must be received by Wednesday March 22, 2006 at 5 p.m.. They may be mailed or delivered to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. E-mail entries will not be accepted. The awards reception is on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m..

If mailing, address submissions to: The Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the 4th Annual Writing Contest, Box 648, K0M 2K0

An anthology of winners' works will be compiled and presented this year at the Awards Reception.

For official rules and entry form, visit the website of The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN) at www.hhwen.org or pick up the rules and entry forms at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

Students in lower grade levels than those listed may enter the contest in the category closest to their age group.

See the complete list of rules as well as the entry form that should accompany each submission.



Crocus care

Wilma Thomson was one of 300 people who purchased a crocus for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind's (CNIB) annual crocus sale. Volunteer Phyllis Woodcock sold the flowers at the V&S Department Store last week. \$1,407 was raised from the 360 plants sold in both Minden and Haliburton. Participating stores included IGA Haliburton, The Independent, V&S Stedmans, Dollos IGA (in Minden) and the Haliburton Legion. CNIB provides free services (such as counselling and referral, sight enhancement, rehabilitation to name a few) for individuals who experience difficulties from vision loss or from both hearing and sight. Photo, Darren Lum.



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By-law Enforcement and Education

The County of Haliburton is seeking a qualified independent contractor to provide education and enforcement related primarily to the County Tree-Cutting By-law and other by-laws including the Haliburton County Rail Trail By-law for a twelve month period.

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- Proof of Independent Operators WSIB coverage and general liability insurance.
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- Exceptional interpersonal skills to ensure tactful and effective written and verbal communications with a variety of stakeholders.
- Basic computer skills for purposes of preparing documentation, educational presentations, etc. (County will provide equipment and software for same during term of contract.)

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If you are interested in this Contract, but do not have access to the internet, please call 705-286-1333 x. 227.

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All-you-can-eat brunch gains fans

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Reviews:

The Ladies Auxiliary's all-you-can-eat brunch is a growing success. It is held the second Sunday of every month. I personally want to thank all the girls and guys who worked Sunday; they did a great job and my wife Val and I enjoyed it very much.

We hope to see everyone again on March 12. The brunch is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and children under six are free. You can get eggs any way you want, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes, toast and coffee, tea or juice.

A group of us snowmobiled

in to the Legion, which was great fun, but you can come whatever way you want.

Views:

Saturday February 18 we are having a Valentine's Dance. Jamie Bacon is spinning the platters for us. This will be from 9 p.m. til closing. Valentines Day is Special around our house because it's also Valerie's birthday.

February 21st is our general membership meeting, starting at the new time of 7 p.m..

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Beating past numbers

Auctioneer Mike Jaycock gets carried away with the auctioning of four dozen organic eggs that eventually went for \$175 at the 20th annual Rotary Club Auction held at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Saturday night, Feb. 11. The event raised a near event record \$11,000 from the sale of 146 items (21 live auction items). It drew 106 event goers, exceeding last year's total of 85. Rotary will add this total to community contribution projects and has, in the past, constructed the pavilion at the Head Lake docks and donated \$5,000 to the 4C's building. Jaycock was a crowd favourite and has been invited for next year's event scheduled for Feb. 10. Photo, Darren Lum.

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Ice by Fire at the Rails End Gallery
A review of the Brad Sherwood and Terry Craig exhibition

With the news of an oncoming winter storm and the temperature dropping, the Rails End Gallery was still fairly busy for the opening of Brad Sherwood and Terry Craig's glass sculpture exhibit. Once through this extraordinary exhibit, however, the oncoming storm was in fact a fitting natural backdrop.

Both Craig and Sherwood work with glass. Glass blowing is a spectral art form; it is at the same time delicate and violent, solid and liquid. The process is a dangerous one, working with 2015 degrees of heat, a glass blower knows who the master is – fire. But once shaped, turned, pulled in and out of the cairn, something fragile, and transparent appears. That two glass blowing artists can create work that makes the viewer forget that their dynamic process is an achievement on its own.

Sherwood's work hangs on rustic barn board, strategically placed around the gallery. His pieces are sinewy, lizard- and leaf-like oil lanterns that jut off the wall with a tiny flame atop. The work evokes animals and the natural world in shape but the tiny flame brings the pieces back to human – a beacon of comfort and necessity. Sherwood's lanterns are the perfect "other worldly sentinels" (curator Daniela Pagliaro's words from

See **Art exhibit** page 27

A golden piece of art attracts the gaze of Tom Green, Donna Enright, Jennifer Wanless-Craig and Judy Breau at the Ice by Fire show at Rails End Gallery. Photo, Darren Lum.



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Artist Terry Craig (second from right) is interviewed by Jack Brezina for his Canoe FM radio arts show. Craig's glass is on display at Rails End Gallery. Photo, Darren Lum.

Art exhibit described as thought-provoking

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her excellent synopsis) to frame Craig's homage to Arctic expeditions. In three separate but equally intriguing works, Craig is able to encapsulate the yearning, aloneness, desperation and tragedy that befell Franklin and other explorers who took to the North with no way home.

'Weight of Man', a tumble of gorgeous white glass 'tin cans' placed perfectly on the antique weight in the middle of the gallery does evoke remnants left behind through its historic reference to the amount of canned goods an Arctic explorer was supposed to have survived on. But it also has a more universal aura. The hundreds of long gone local mining sites in our own community are in this work as well; if you have ever explored one, tin cans are generally all you find. And so standing before 'Weight of Man' in the darkened gallery gently lit by Sherwood's lanterns, one thinks about history and survival in all its manifestations.

Craig's 'Hero' has a similar impact. Glass-made bones, some obviously

human and others not, are scattered in a corner as if sticking up from the ground like an archeological dig. All that remains of the kind of men who explored forbidden territory such as the Arctic are bones, preserved in ice and yet their meaning glows from the passionate, the irrational and the heroic just as the actual items were made; by "fire". It is all there in the bones, like a tossed puzzle from which a dream is reassembled. His third piece, 'Huxley, 1911' is a wood-cast glass work, an elegant and small topographic terrain hung at eye level so that the viewer feels submerged by the power of the Arctic landscape.

Both artists are to be commended for creating an exhibit that is thought-provoking and pleasurable. It can be a mythic experience dealing with winter and as we left the gallery and looked at the bleak, dark indigo sky with its storm brewing, we had mixed feelings about getting in our car and turning on the heat.

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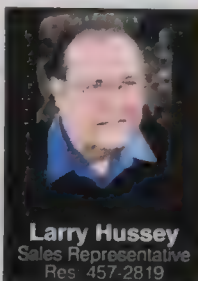
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 (\$18. for HCFS members, Students \$15.)

Available at York Street Internet Café, Haliburton and Golden Stationers, Minden.
 For info call (705) 754-FOLK (3655) or e-mail hcsociety@gmail.com.
 Coming Up:
 Karen Savoca w/Pete Heitzman, April 22
 David Francey - May 31

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WEST GUILFORD SNOW SHUFFLE
February 25, 2006

Register 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Advance tickets \$20. each available at
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 For more info call Greg Cooper 754-3210.

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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At Switzer's Auction Centre, 25414 Hwy. #62, 10 Minutes south of Bancroft, 40 min. north of Madoc.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of **Mary McCallum**, late of the County of Haliburton in the County of Haliburton who died on or about the 29th day of November, 2005, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 28th day of March, 2006, after which date the Estate Trustee will distribute the assets of the said Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2006.

David A.P. Shapiera, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 369, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PETER JOHNSON DOUGLAS, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **PETER JOHNSON DOUGLAS**, late of the township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of June, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2006.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Trustee for the Estate being Scott James Harold Douglas, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 31st day of January, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, 238 Highland St., Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitor for the Trustee of the Estate of Peter Johnson Douglas.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

BUNN, KEVIN - In memory of Kevin Bunn. July 13/75 - February 15/02. Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Kevin we sure do miss you!
Love always Mom, Dad & Family.

450 IN MEMORIAM

DOVELL, FLOYD - February 13, 1985.

In memory of a dear husband, Dad and Grandpa. Memory is life's greatest gift. Forever loved and remembered **Etta, June & Grant, Cory & Jenna**.

LITTLE, LEONARD - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996.

Those we love we never lose for always they will be loved, remembered, treasured, always in our memory. The family.

McKAY - In loving memory of my two sons who left us in 2001. Ken on Feb. 3rd and Ray on Feb. 20th. Though absent you are very near Still loved and missed, still very dear. Mom Anne and Laurie.

McNEIL, MERREIT SR. - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Feb. 13, 1998. When ties of love are broken And loved ones have to part. It leaves a wound that never heals And a sad and broken heart. But looking back on memories Upon the paths we trod We're thankful for the year's we had And leave the rest to God. Always loved, never forgotten Your wife **Mary McNeil**.

McNEIL, MERREIT SR. - In loving memory of a dear dad who went to be with the Lord Feb. 13, 1998. When you were taken from us. We knew you weren't alone For God's loving arms embraced you. As you entered your heavenly home. We've laughed and cried so often. As we share our memories of you. God's grace has been our comfort. His strength has seen us through. Always remembered and missed each and everyday. Your daughter, **Wanda-Lee McNeil**.

RABY, IVA - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away February 14, 1995. Your presence we miss Your memory we treasure Loving you always Forgetting you never. Sadly missed by **Frank, Keith, Jackie, Paul and Karen**.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
JOHN BOYD "Johnny" MUISE

Passed away quietly at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, February 10, 2006. In his 84th year.

Predeceased by his wife Val (1993). Father of John Muise Jr. of R.R. #2 Minden, Ontario, Michael and his wife Sharon Muise of Paradise, Newfoundland, Denise Erika and her husband Robert Wilson of Delaware, Ontario, Reinhold Bako of Germany. Much loved Opa of John, Valerie, Donald, Jenny, Melendy, and Michaela Muise, Derek, Lawrence, and Carsten Wilson. In accordance to John's wishes, there will be no Visitation or Funeral Service. Cremation has taken place. Interment of his ashes to take place at the 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon in the spring. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 or online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

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Walter Taylor

(Resident of R. R. #2, Haliburton, Ontario)

At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday January 19, 2006 in his 85th year.

Predeceased by his parents. Dear brother of Grace Smith. Also remembered by his nieces and nephews. Walter was a Veteran of the Second World War and served overseas.

Visitation & Memorial Service Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on

Tuesday February 14, 2006 from 10 o'clock until time of the Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1:30 p.m. General Meeting at Pritchard House Minden.
- Feb. 14:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1 - 2 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for info.
- Feb. 16:** Minden Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391 or call Ontario Early Years at 457-2989.
- Feb. 25:** Monarch Bible Camps invites all families to our Annual Skating Party and BBQ. Come enjoy an afternoon of winter fun and fellowship and food. West Guilford Baptist Church, skating on the lake from 2 to 4, followed by fellowship and BBQ at the church. Everyone Welcome. Call (705) 887-3625 or email cdnssm@bellnet.com
- Feb. 20:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Feb. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest in Minden. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. For further information, please call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH Community Hospice, 457-1742 ext. 36.
- Feb. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Feb. 22:** Register for Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- Feb. 23:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Feb. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Care in Haliburton. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. For further information, please call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH Community Hospice, 457-1742 ext. 36.
- Feb. 25:** Winter Family Fun Night - Sat., Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. Free Family Fun - Horse drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, ice skating, winter games, hot dogs, hot chocolate, bonfire and much more. Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Rd. For more info contact the Township at 286-1260 ext. 215.
- Feb. 25:** Ron Barr presents The Late Gordon Barr Historic Picture Collection, Sat., Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gooderham Community Centre. Admission fee. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by: Gooderham Community Action Group.

ON GOING EVENTS

- Feb. 25:** A Pocketful of Tales - Storytelling workshop with Liz Gilmour. For caregivers, teachers and others working with young children. Learn a variety of ways to present stories, songs, rhymes and poetry. Sat., Feb. 25th at 10:30 at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. Please call 286-1770 for cost and to register.
- Feb. 25:** Kinmount Winterfest. Pancake breakfast and Country raffle (Community Centre), 8 to 11 a.m. Kinmount fairgrounds: Sleigh rides, outdoor baseball tournament, (call 488-2000 to register your team), Kid/Parent hockey game, 12:00 at the arena, etc. Evening dance at the Community Centre. Call 488-9954 for cost, tickets and info.
- Feb. 26:** Fun day at YMCA Wanakita from 12-5. Everyone welcome. The address is 1883 Koshlong Lake Road in Haliburton. For more info call 457-2132 or check our website www.ymcawanakita.on.ca
- Feb. 26:** 3rd Annual Minden Hills Fire Department Fishing Derby, Sun., Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee. Pigeon Lake (off Deep Bay Road) Lots of prizes! For more info. contact the Fire Department at 286-1202.
- Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.
- Feb. 27:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7 - 8 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.

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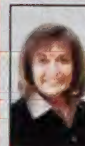
STARTER/RETIREMENT HOME
This freshly renovated home is situated in a friendly neighbourhood close to all amenities. New kitchen cupboards, full bsmt, garage & large wrap around deck.

\$99,900



HALIBURTON ACREAGE
27.23 acre parcel. Fronting on a year round road. Driveway in, hydro and telephone available. Nice rolling acreage with a mixture of hardwood.

\$30,000



Julie Gray*
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457-1011
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Successful business opportunity well located in the Haliburton Highlands. Fully equipped & staffed computer sales & service, video rentals, a 2 terminal internet cafe & on-line games room. Features incl. complete line of new release videos + huge library of popular & classic editions & game rentals; network server, in-store or outcall service by highly qualified technician.

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CANNING LAKE

Enjoy 4 season recreational living in the warmth of this winterized chalet located on 5 lake chain. Beautiful, private, well-treed lot w/southern exp. 148' of clean shoreline w/sand beach & deep water off dock. Slate floor entrance, 3 bdrm, partial full w/o bsmt ready to finish. Airtight stove, oil heat, winter water & new septic. Cute bunkie & stone FP.

\$529,000



Bill Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44

ROCKCLIFFE TAVERN

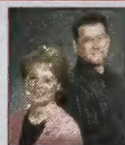
World famous Rockcliffe Tavern in downtown Minden. Licensed outdoor patio, snack bar/restaurant, dancing, live bands. Approximately 5000 sq ft. Town water & sewers. Vendor retiring. Call Bill Kulas today for further details.



GULL RIVER - MINDEN

Check out this fully winterized 4 season cottage on the picturesque Gull River. Year-round access. 185 feet of waterfront featuring a guest bunkie, storage shed & private boat launch. Fully furnished & move-in condition. A must see!

ASKING \$159,000



Ken Barry* &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011
exts. 228 & 232

DEEDED ACCESS TO KUSHOG

Recently finished 2 bdrm cottage on 20 acres shows to perfection! Bright & cheery open concept w/wood laminate flooring & airtight wood stove. Property has rolling terrain, hilltop views & deeded big lake access. It might just be the affordable retreat you've been looking for!

\$149,900



KASHAGAWIGAMOG

3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5-lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove, attached sun room. Detached bunkie to accommodate guests, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & a south-west exposure are the perfect complement to lakeside enjoyment.

\$279,900



Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

ROUND LOG COTTAGE/HOME ON PELAW LAKE

Part of 3 lake Redstone chain. Level property, 220' sand frtg. well treed, natural landscape. Priv. & quiet setting, screened gazebo, oversized garage. Incl. A/C FAO furnace, HRV, drilled well, softener, 200 amp service, metal roof, solid pine stairs, unique fixtures, log stairways & railings, floor-to-ceiling reclaimed brick FP, 3 baths & storage.

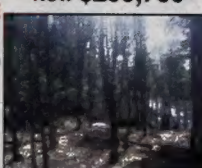
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Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW.

\$199,900

KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive 3 bedroom cottage / home. Loads of extras includes, bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. CALL NOW!

\$354,900



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

SWEET & COZY

Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

\$159,500



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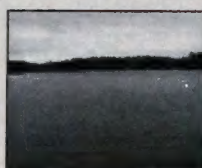


Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

Charming country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.

\$319,000



Victor Disik*
286-2911
ext. 45

MINDEN RURAL

Custom built 3 bdrm bungalow on a private 5 acre property. Bright & spacious open concept design. Master bdrm features a 3 piece ensuite & w/o to a sun room. Full finished bsmt. 2-car detached garage + single car detached garage, large deck, hot tub room & much, much more. For appointment call Victor Disik.

ASKING \$289,500



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disik.

\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Vince Duchene*
457-1011
ext. 225

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

\$139,900



Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

REDSTONE LAKE

New waterfront home with 3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone fireplaces, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, elegant decor, 4 bdrms, main floor laundry, w/o FR, sand shoreline, sunsets, year-round road.

ASKING \$685,000



MINDEN - BOBCAYGEON ROAD

Like new, 3 bdrm raised bungalow, 1196 sq ft, maple kitchen, hardwood floors, master bdrm ensuite, main floor laundry w/o bsmt, some small finishing touches needed.

ASKING \$179,000

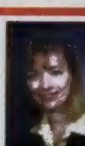


Lenor Fulton*
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SERVICE STATION IN GOODERHAM

This commercial property, zoned C1, is a great opportunity to be your own boss. It boasts a 3-bay garage complete with a hoist and tools to run your own automotive business. Also incl. in the purchase price is a 2 bedroom home with new basement windows and a new oil furnace. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$349,900



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
ext. 40

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$16,900/each



Linda Beachli*
457-1011
ext. 227

COMMERCIAL

19 acres including a 440 sq ft shop with upgraded hydro & out buildings. Just east of Haliburton & ready to your business.

\$259,000



CUSTOM HOME

Quality of workmanship throughout this custom built home offering 4 bdrms, open concept main floor for entertaining & all on 21 acres of privacy in Haliburton Village. Gorgeous stone fireplace indoors & wonderful cedar decks outdoors for relaxation.

\$449,000



Peter Brady*
457-1011
ext. 234

COMMERCIAL

Fantastic location just south of Minden on Hwy 35. Established shops totalling 7300 sq ft incl. office space. Additional lots included with industrial and commercial zoning. Over 10 acres in all.

\$695,000



LODGE/FAMILY RESORT

Enjoy the sunny beach, stroll the 660 ft shoreline & explore the 40 acres of land. Retire to the large 8 bdrm lodge with dining room, games room & large kitchen. There is also a Managers Residence & 11 cabins & tennis court.

\$1,250,000

